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REMARKS

Claims 2, 4, 5, 9-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,026,298 (hereinafter called Lamb). Claims 2 and 9 have been amended, and claims 4, 5, and 10-12 have been deleted.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for only objecting to claims 5-7 and 14-17. Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of claims 5-7 and any intervening claim into claim 2, and of claims 14-17 and all intervening claims into claim 9, therefore rendering claims 2 and 9 patentable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present patent application is now in condition for favourable action. Should the Examiner wish to further discuss the present response or patent application, the undersigned can be reached at (514) 345-7891.

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